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LELAND LEAHON
PO BOX 95
HALSEY, NE 69142

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Hand". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☒ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How will the proposed service compare to current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

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☒ Shopping

☒ Personal needs Dr. Arnold

☒ Banking North Platte

☒ Employment

☒ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Address

Name: Tommie L Teahon

Address: P.O. Box 95 Halsey, NE 69142

Telephone: 308-533-2078

Date: 7-7-11

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TOMMIE TEAHON
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xmas only

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If yes, please explain:

Picking up mail for them

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

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If yes, please explain:

They never are open - go to work very early



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on line

☐ Personal needs

☒ Banking

Bank of America

☒ Employment

Every where -

☐ Social needs

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☒ Yes ☐ No

But don't want the Post office to close

Mailing Address

Name:

Mike Teahon

Address:

P.O. Box 95 Halsey, NE 69142

Telephone:

308-533-2278

Date:

7-7-11

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MIKE TEAHON

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If yes, please explain:

Get mail, deliver boxes, etc.

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

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☒ Social needs

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different towns & communities

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Name:

Ninive H. Hamilton

Address:

P.O. Box 95

Telephone:

308-533-1278

Date:

7/7/11

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MINNIE HAMILTON

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board

☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Use Bulletin Board to display & advertise community activities - non denominational

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If yes, please explain:

Purdum & work @ Halsay

I live outside of



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4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Have no local grocery store.

☒ Personal needs

☒ Banking Bank @ Pardun

☒ Employment

☐ Social needs

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No As much as I could.

Mailing Address

Name: Teresa Kennedy

Address: 40998 W. North Loup Rd Pardun, NE 69157

Telephone: 308-834-3266

Date: June 30, 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

If this PO (Halsey) were closed it would affect the time our mail is delivered @ Pardun.



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TERESA KENNEDY
40998 W NORTH LOUP RD
PURDUM, NE 69157

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If yes, please explain:

Bring elderly customers to pick up their mail

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

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If yes, please explain:

I carry mail - travel from post office to p.o. but still do my stamp purchases at my home office Halsey Ne



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If yes, please explain: if the office closes-time factor will change the deliveries + at the meeting we were told carrier will not have scales to weigh mail or packages- or over sized letters - do money orders- we will have to

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping has a small community, its a necessity
☒ Personal needs DR appt - eye appts - dental - ect
☐ Banking
☐ Employment
☐ Social needs

Travel for
most of the
10-12, 17
miles

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Address

Name: Pamela J Rodacker

Address: PO Box 32

Telephone: 308-533-2288

Date: 7-30-11

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PAMELA RODOCKER
PO BOX 32
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In response to your letter:

- You were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier. Most retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier and do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using a Stamps by Mail order form, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

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☒ Shopping North Platte

☐ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs North Platte / Broken Bow

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Address

Name: Loren Eaton

Address: P.O. Box 6, Halsey NE 68142

Telephone: 402-322-0579

Date: 6/24/2011

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LOREN EATON

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i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☒ YES ☐ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better ☐ Just as Good ☐ No Opinion ☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

We receive many packages that must be signed for. It would be tough to make connections with a carrier.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping *Broken Bow*

☒ Personal needs *Broken Bow*

☒ Banking *Broken Bow*

☒ Employment *Dunning*

☒ Social needs *Brewster*

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Mailing Address

Name:

Kris Canoung

Address:

POB 44 Halsey, NE 69142

Telephone:

308-533-2212

Date:

6-29-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

KRIS GANOUNG
PO BOX 44
HALSEY, NE 69142

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Halsey Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about the services available from the rural carrier. The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Most packages that need a signature can be signed for and the package redelivered the next day when a signature is left in the box, your carrier will be glad to work with you to avoid the need for you to travel.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Hand". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the HALSEY Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

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a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better ☐ Just as Good ☐ No Opinion ☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Ainsworth

☒ Personal needs Ainsworth

☒ Banking Valentine

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name: Terry Shoemaker

Address: #40895 Goose Creek RD Elsmere NE 69135

Telephone: 308-834-3280

Date: 6-30-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

TERRY SHOEMAKER
40995 GOOSE CREEK RD
, 69135

Dear Postal Service Customer:

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Sincerely,

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KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Broken Bow

☒ Personal needs Ainsworth

☒ Banking Valentine

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name: Leah Gillespie

Address: 41003 Goose creek RD Elsmere, NE 69135

Telephone: 308-834-3302

Date: 6-30-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

LEAH GILLESPIE

41003 GOOSE CREEK RD
, 69135

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Sincerely,

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KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Post community events

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Because we live in rural Neb. we value our local Post office. When we go to town we have specific things such as part, groceries Dr appointments etc. We generally do not have time to do postal business or we are not in town when the Post office's are open. I believe the closing of the Halsey Post Office will affect us in the long run. We still would have our local one in →

Durdum, but as our Post Master is of retirement age
and the bank has sold it will be a matter of time
before it will close also. This will ~~force~~ force us to have
to drive 45 miles to Thedford for Postal Services
other than delivery, ~~I~~ I hope that you consider
the cost and efficiency ~~for~~ for both, us the customer,
and you the Postal Service. Many people feel that
you have already decided to Close Halsey. I
pray this is not true and you do consider all
options.

Sincerely,

Patricia Shoemaker



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

I Feel that this will affect my service if the Halsey post office closes, because it will put a greater work load on our current carrier therefore it will delay my service.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒

Shopping

Valentine, Broken Bow, North Platte, Kearney, Ainsworth

☒

Personal needs

"

☒

Banking

Valentine

☐

Employment

☒

Social needs

same as above

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐

Yes

☒

No

there are none

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐

Yes

☒

No

the Post office is the only business I use.

Mailing Address

Name:

Patricia Shoemaker

Address:

40995 Goose Creek Rd, Elsmere, NE 69135

Telephone:

308 834 3280

Date:

6-30-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

PATRICIA SHOEMAKER
40995 GOOSE CREEK RD
, 69135

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Halsey Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about the services available from the rural carrier. The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By adding an additional 66 boxes to the mail carriers route the delay of time for your mail may not be affected. We would have to determine in which order the delivery of the proposed boxes would be delivered. The new boxes would also be very close together making delivery time less than normal.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Hand".

KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:



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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☒ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping

NO STORE'S



Personal needs



Banking

NO BANK



Employment

RETIRED



Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name:

EUGENE HORST

Address:

Box 68 HALSEY NB 09142

Telephone:

308-533-2218

Date:

6-28-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

EUGENE HORST

PO BOX 68
HALSEY, NE 69142

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Sincerely,

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KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

an elderly couple that can not daily get to the post office when needed

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

different available boxes & envelopes picking up the

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Purdum but it is closed when I pass in the mornings, and closed when I pass in the evenings.



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

We have rural delivery in Purdum, I think you are wrong - it will affect our delivery - it will be much later in the day.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping *usually on Sundays - Broken Bow or North Platte*
- ☒ Personal needs *Broken Bow when needed*
- ☐ Banking *no - bank in Purdum or through the mail*
- ☐ Employment *in Halsey*
- ☒ Social needs *refer to shopping - Sundays*

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name: *Jean M. Cox*

Address: *84363 Harvest Ave Purdum, NE 69157*

Telephone: *308 834-3267*

Date: *10/29/11*

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

When my son was stationed in the Middle East & other nations, my package mailings needed to be made from Halsey because my home post office is/was not open before or after my work hours - many times I had questions pertaining to the customs form - my rural carrier could not have helped me fill this out - I used the Halsey post office!



07/15/2011

JEAN COX

84363 HAVEST AVE
PURDUM, NE 69157

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Halsey Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about the services available from the rural carrier. The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Rural carriers will be able to help with many international and military mail, they can provide you with the custom forms and assist with questions you may have. There may still be times unfortunately that you will have to travel to the post office for assistance. The delay time in mail delivery will be less than you would expect if at all, due to the fact that the new proposed 66 boxes will all be in a row so the delivery time will be faster than normal.

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KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

Purdum



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping BROKEN BOW, NORTH PLATTE, KEARNEY, GRAND ISLAND

☒ Personal needs BROKEN BOW, KEARNEY

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name: Kim Cox

Address: 84363 HARVEST AVE PURDUM NE 69157

Telephone: 308-834-3267

Date: 6-29-2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



07/15/2011

KIM COX

84363 HARVEST AVE
PURDUM, NE 69157

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Halsey Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Halsey Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Thedford Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Halsey Post Office at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Hand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "H".

KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

Postal Service Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the HALSEY Post Office on 06/29/2011. Additionally, during the survey period, questionnaires were available at the HALSEY Post Office to walk-in retail customers.

1. **Number of Questionnaires**

Total Questionnaires distributed	<u>74</u>
Favorable to proposal	<u>2</u>
Unfavorable to proposal	<u>28</u>
Expressing no opinion	<u>18</u>
Total questionnaires received	<u>48</u>

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (Favorable):

No Concern

Response:

2. Concern (No Opinion):

Customer concerned where the mail box would be located

Response:

I understand you would like the mail box closer to your home as that would be convenient to you. Unfortunately we have to make sure that it would be on the carriers line of travel. Until the postal service decides what course of action this study will take we cannot determine where delivery would be.

3. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

4. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

Most retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier and do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using a Stamps by Mail order form, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

5. Concern (No Opinion):

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and and money order sales.

6. Concern (No Opinion):

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Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

7. Concern (No Opinion):

handicapped citizen, national forest

Response:

If the discontinuance would be approved your mail would arrive to the street very close to your house, possibly right in front of your residence. If special needs are required by the mail carrier to collect or deliver packages for you simply leave a note in the box. I understand that the national forest there in Halsey provides a lot of traffic and business for your community. Unfortunately the postal service has been under a hiring freeze for quite some time now and providing you with a local Postmaster have not been done for many communities. I understand your concerns and will take all of what you have stated in mind when making any further decisions.

8. **Concern (No Opinion):**

No Concern

Response:

9. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup.

Response:

Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. For carrier pick up of packages, you can contact the administrative Post Office, letting the carrier know that you have a package available for pick up. The carrier can deviate from the line of travel in order to receive packages. The rural carrier will accept letters, flats or packages up to 13 ounces for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate. Packages over 13 ounces may be picked up if the postage was printed online or with a traceable meter.

10. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

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Response:

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Response:

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12. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about a possible address change.

Response:

There will be no change in customer addresses.

13. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response:

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

14. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By placing mail boxes on the rural carriers line of travel I hope that the elderly will find that its just as convenient to do business with the rural mail carrier. I realize that the Halsey National Forest, and 4-H camp bring in business to your community, and have specific needs with the postal service. I will take all your concerns in consideration when making my decision.

15. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

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HOLDING MAIL

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16. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

17. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By adding an additional 66 boxes to the mail carriers route the delay of time for your mail may not be affected. We would have to determine in which order the delivery of the proposed boxes would be delivered. The new boxes would also be very close together making delivery time less than normal.

18. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Most packages that need a signature can be signed for and the package redelivered the next day when a signature is left in the box, your carrier will be glad to work with you to avoid the need for you to travel.

19. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Rural carriers will be able to help with many international and military mail, they can provide you with the custom forms and assist with questions you may have. There may still be times unfortunately that you will have to travel to the post office for assistance. The delay time in mail delivery will be less than you would expect if at all, due to the fact that the new proposed 66 boxes will all be in a row so the delivery time will be faster than normal.

20. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

No Concern

Response:

21. **Concern (UnFavorable):**

Postal Service should cut top positions, postal minimum time to do job 14 min

Response:

I would like to take the time to answer some of your concerns that were stated in the letter. In the concern about cutting top jobs in the postal service, I would like to inform you that the postal service has cut many top positions, when our current Postmaster General took office. Closing small vacant post offices was just one of the many ways that the postal service is looking to cut costs and try to save our business. The Rural carriers are very good and should be commended for the job they do daily to provide excellent service to our customers. I believe they truly care about your letters and Packages. please let them

know if you have a specific place you want medications placed that would be secure for you if your not going to be home, when the carrier arrives at your box. Unfortunately I am not able to answer questions about reducing window hours at this time. There have been many requests given to congress to allow us to go to a 5 day delivery system which would cut costs considerably, unfortunately this request has not been granted so we have had to search other alternative methods to cut costs.

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (No Opinion):
Customers felt the loss of a Post Office would have a detrimental effect on the business community.
Response:
Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and this will always be available through the rural mail carrier. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the Post Office is discontinued.
2. Concern (No Opinion):
No Concern
Response:
3. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities.
Response:
Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings with this change. Additional funds are necessary in larger cities because of a greater workload. Larger cities often realize greater revenue which can offset their greater expenses.

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Date: 06/29/2011

Time 6:00 PM

athy Hand ----- Mgr Post Office Operations

Jessica Bergen ---- Postmaster

Total Number of Customers Present:

70

Place: Sandhills Elementary gymnasium

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Names of Customers Present:

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Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Date: 06/29/2011

athy Hand ----- Mgr Post Office Operations

Time 6:00 PM

ssica Bergen ----- Postmaster

Total Number of Customers Present:

0 70

Place: Sandhills Elementary gymnasium

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
Donna Jenn	84137 June Ave	69157	308-538-2611
Colleen Higgins	Box 56 Halsey	69142	308533-2237
Billy Maple	P.O. Box 333 Gillerton NE	68638	
Mahek Rodocker	P.O. Box 7 Halsey, NE	69142	308-533-2542
Laurie Atkins	83975 ATKINS Rd. Halsey, NE	69142	308-834-3295
Dale Haler	Sandhills Elementary	69142	308-533-2203
ZONNIE EDWARDS	P.O. Box 84 Halsey	69142	308-533-2230
Carolyn Edwards	P.O. Box 84 Halsey	69142	308-533-2230
Deb VanMatre Rep. Adrian Smith	1800 W 2nd #275	68803	308-384-3900
Jennifer Rogers Jim Ben Wilson	P.O. Box 1472 Scottsbluff	69361	308-631-7614
Kristi Giles	P.O. Box 55 Halsey	69142	308-533-0400
Jacki Giles	P.O. Box 55 Halsey	69142	308-533-0400
Tim Henay	P.O. Box 23 Halsey	69142	308-533-2548
Tim KAVALEC	Box 54 Halsey	69142	308-533-2330
Tina Ducker	Box 154 Halsey	69142	308-533-2330
Lee Ducker	Box 154 Halsey	69142	308-533-2330
Reta Teahon	Box 95 Halsey	69142	308-533-2278
Maikel 10000	Box 94 Halsey	69142	308-533-2276
amichelle Higgins	Box 56 Halsey	69142	308533-2237

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

Date: 06/29/2011

Time: 6:00 PM

Cathy Hand ----- Mgr Post Office Operations

Jessica Bergen ----- Postmaster

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
Minnie Hamilton	P.O. 95 Halsey	69142	533-2278
Eleanor Dorst	P.O. Box 68 Halsey NE	69148	533-2918
Lore Dorst	Box 68 Halsey NE	69142	533-2218
Don D'Amico	74540 Hwy 310	69120	848-2755
Betty Hahn	Halsey	69142	
Kendra Cutler	Stapleton	69163	Thomas Co Herald 636-2444
Traci Frey	Stapleton	69163	" "
Joni Huddle	P.O. Box 262 Thedford NE	69166	645-2544
Paul Coffman	P.O. Box 65 Halsey	69142	533-2577
Mike Coffman	P.O. Box 65 Halsey	69142	533-2577
Joe Johnson	P.O. Box 37 Halsey	69142	533 2210
Anna Kennedy	Purdum 40998 W. North Loop Rd	69157	834-3266
Harry Kennedy	Purdum 40998 W. North Loop Rd	69157	834-3266
Julie Chase	41009 Grouse Creek Rd E kmers	69135	834-3271
Robert Smith	P.O. Box 142 Halsey NE	69142	308-533-2530
Teri Stuelprugel	Box 3 Halsey NE	69142	308-533-0422
Tina Kuffe	P.O. Box 152 Halsey	69142	308-533-2269
Lynn Henry	P.O. Box 23 Halsey	69142	308-533-2458
Sharon Miller	P.O. Box 85 Halsey	69142	308-533-2222

Community Meeting Roster

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Cathy Hand ----- Mgr Post Office Operations

Jessica Bergen ----- Postmaster

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Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
Dianna Blocker	PO Box 132, Halsey	69142	308-533-2523
Mary Thomas	PO Box 67, Dunning	68833	308-538-2519
Ann Frodsham	PO Box 41, Halsey	69142	308-533-2508
MARY L. FRODSHAM	PO BOX 86 HALSEY	69142	" "
Bon G. Hart blocker	P.O. BOX 144 Halsey	69142	308-533-2317
JAMES HIGGINS	Box 56 HALSEY	69142	308-533-2237
Leeste M Rogers	PO Box 8 Purdum	69157	308-834-3236
Jean M. Cox	84363 Harvest Ave Purdum	69157	308-834-3267
Kim Cox	84363 Harvest Ave Purdum	69157	308-834-3267
Anita Peterson	84327 Poplar Ave Purdum	69157	308-834-3254
Dalene Hanna	40907 Hanna Ln Purdum	69157	308-834-3205
Crissie Wobig	Box 861 Glenrock, WY	82437	307-436-9784
Joe Buechler	40907 Hanna Ln Purdum	69157	308-834-3205
Pamela J Redocher	PO Box 32	69142	308-533-2288
Ken Piles	85083 Kodopale	69135	308-834-3319
Connie Cox	84367 Harvest Ave	69157	308-834-3323
Connie Cox	NE State 4-H Camp 83222 4h camp Rd	69142	308-533-2224
Did Clark		68813	308-547-2275
Sue Clark			308-547-2275

Postal Service Customer Community Meeting Analysis

(categorize customer concerns as postal or nonpostal and provide the Postal Service response for each.)

Postal Concerns

1. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

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Nonpostal Concerns



J6/14/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

This office is being reviewed due to continued reduction in mail volume and reduced customer demand.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at Sandhills Elementary gymnasium on 06/29/2011 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Hand". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations

Halsey post office facing possible shutdown

By Diane Wetzel / North Platte Telegraph, NE / June 24, 2011

For generations the local post office has been the heart and hub of rural communities. But in today's world of electronic communication and tight budgets, the local post office may be verging on vanishing.

The post office in the tiny community of Halsey has served its residents and their neighbors in Blaine and Thomas counties for 124 years. Now it's on the list for possible closure.

"Closing post offices is not something we enjoy doing, but is something we have to do," said Brian Sperry, regional spokesman for the USPO. "We are only doing what any company would do when they lost 20 percent of their business."

The postal service receives no tax dollars, Sperry said, and like any other business, is doing everything to reduce costs, save money and streamline operations.

"We understand the connection communities have to their post offices, but a realignment of locations is necessary," he said. "Business as usual is not an option."

The Postal Service lost \$8.5 billion in 2010 and is projecting losses of \$8 billion this year, despite a 100,000 reduction in staff and \$12 billion in cuts over the past four years, Sperry said.

Halsey is on the list for possible closure, Sperry said, because customer demand has fallen to less than two hours a day and daily retail transactions have fallen into the single digits.

"If a decision is made to close, people will still receive their mail through alternative means, such as a route carrier or a post office on wheels," Sperry said. "We will continue to provide service to a community even if the office is closed."

Betty Mapes, a retired postmaster and Nebraska chairman for Post Office Closures for the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, notes that the budget for small rural post offices is a mere seven-tenth of one percent of the total Postal Service budget.

"If people think there is nothing they can do to prevent this, then they are doing just what the post office wants them to do. The Postal Office doesn't tell people the truth," Mapes said. "They give them the impression that there isn't anything they can do to prevent it. People need to write and call, give the Postal Service the facts on how the closing will affect you."

Postal Service representatives will be in Halsey on June 29 to hear what the community thinks about the possible closing. The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sandhills Elementary School. Representatives from Nebraska representative Senator Ben Nelson and Congressman Adrian Smith are scheduled to be there.

In order to close a post office, the Postal Service must first conduct a study, followed by a written proposal that is posted in the affected office. Patrons then have 60 days to comment before the proposal is reviewed. If a decision is made to close, there is an additional 30-day period for public comment and appeal.

"The closing of a post office isn't something that happens quickly," Sperry said, adding that the Postal Service isn't just picking on small rural offices.

"We have closed three locations in Omaha, and one in Lincoln, and reduced administration staff in the past two years by 15 percent," Sperry said. "We are consolidating mail routes and locations, consolidating transportation cut costs as much as we can."

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Nationwide, the Postal Service is losing \$30 million a day, he said.

"We realize change isn't easy, but it is necessary in this case," Sperry said.


Meeting to save the Halsey Post Office in Halsey, Thomas County, Nebraska 69142

Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
JAMES HALEY	Jama Higgins	Box 56 Halsey, Neb 69142	9/2/30
Colleen Higgins	Colleen Higgins	Box 56 Halsey, Neb 69142	9/31/35
Melba Marten	Melba Marten	Box 118 Halsey, NE 69142	9/14/42
MARILYN SWISHER	Marilyn Swisher	Box 34 Halsey, Neb 69142	1/28/39
Charles Swisher	Charles Swisher	Box 34 Halsey, Neb	5-19-29
Anita Peterson	Anita Peterson	P.O. Box 99 Halsey NE	12-9-1963
Skyler Brown	Skyler Brown	40721 Mulligan Ln. Halsey, NE	3-13-1993
Jean Simonton	Jean Simonton	P.O. Box 155 Halsey, Neb 69142	3-13-1930
Mabel Rodocker	Mabel Rodocker	P.O. Box 7 Halsey, NE 69142	2-14-1937
Irma Ducker	Irma Ducker	PO Box 154 Halsey, NE 69142	8-17-1977
Kristil Giles	Kristi D. Giles	P.O. Box 55 Halsey, NE 69142	2-7-70
Richard R. Giles	Richard R. Giles	P.O. Box 55 Halsey, Neb 69142	9-6-64
Jacki Giles	Jacki Giles	P.O. Box 55 Halsey, NE 69142	2/17/91
Michelle Higgins	Michelle Higgins	Box 56 Halsey, NE 69142	8-20-69

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Petition to save the Halsey Post Office in Halsey, Thomas County, Nebraska 69142

Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
George Smith		85111 Giles Ln 69157	11/20/72
Malcolm Smith	Malcolm Smith	85123 Giles Ln 69157	1-6-46
Shirley Carson	Shirley Carson	84811 Dobson LN 69157	9-3-50
Dan Carson	Dan Carson	84811 Dobson Ln 69157	2-16-46
Haren Fay	Haren Fay	84782 Pardon Rd 69157	2.6.55
Tori Mace	Tori Mace	84197 Jensen Ave Pardon 69157	7-22-84
Dawn Jensen	Dawn Jensen	84137 Jensen Ave 69157	5-27-41
Donna McStatte/H Camp	Donna McStatte/H Camp	84322 H Camp / P.O. Box 82, Halsey, NE, 69142	
Robert R. Barnes	Robert R. Barnes	P.O. Box 40533 Anderson Halsey NE 69142	7/25
Jared Barnes	Jared Barnes	P.O. Box 40533 Anderson Lane Halsey NE 69142	12/28/92
Kristin Gannung	Kristin Gannung	P.O. Box 44, Halsey, NE 69142	6-17-69
Halsey Rodocker	Halsey Rodocker	40421 Rodocker Ln Halsey 69142	12/9/50
Jim Swisher	Jim Swisher	83648 Durbin Ave. Halsey, Neb. 69142	1-1
Trent Alberts	Trent Alberts	P.O. Box 150 Halsey NE 69142	9-10-82

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Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
Timothy A Henry	Timothy A Henry	PO Box 23 Halsey NE 69142	10-29-54
Terri Stuepnagel	Terri Stuepnagel	PO Box 3 Halsey NE 69142	03-14-71
Mickey Coffman	Mickey Coffman	PO Box 65 Halsey NE 69142	12-21-59
Tricia Schuler	Tricia Schuler	41118 W. North Loop Burdum NE	10-27-73
Lois Gorder	Lois Gorder	84454 Elmore Ave Burdum NE	10-23-24
Kenn E Jahn	Kenn E Jahn	84454 Elmore Ave Burdum NE	10-23-24
Scott Fink	Scott Fink	41234 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	12-19-81
Dana Ruth Fink	Dana Ruth Fink	41240 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	1-10-23
LaCayla Fink	LaCayla Fink	41234 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	5-19-82
Kevin Scher	Kevin Scher	41110 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	9-15-56
Chancy Scher	Chancy Scher	41116 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	10-20-82
Ramela N. Scher	Ramela N. Scher	41110 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	5-9-56
Cliff P. Scher	Cliff P. Scher	41116 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	7-12-81
Jody White	Jody White	41103 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE	12-12-81

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Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
Marie Joe (Mae)	Marie Joe (Mae)	Box 114 Halsey NE 68142 Box 114 Halsey NE 68142	2-1-56
Elsie M CORR	Elaine M. Carr	Box 114 Halsey NE 68142 Box 114 Halsey NE 68142	7-2-34
James Payne	James Payne	501 Railroad Street Box 114	10/29/62
Eric Payne	Eric Payne	501 Railroad Street Box 114	4/19/72
EUGENE HORST	Eugene Horst	401 Bowen Box 68 69142	9-20-17
Eleanor Horst	Eleanor Horst	401 Bowen Box 68 69142	6-23-23
LEO GERHARD	Leo Gerhard	408 Railroad St, Box 64 69142	2-26-45
Nancy Gebhard	Nancy Gebhard	408 Railroad St, Box 64 69142	9-14-49
Carolyn Edwards	Carolyn Edwards	103 Forest St. P.O. Box 84 69142	11-10-47
Krista Ann	Krista Ann	107 Forest Street P.O. Box 24 69142	08-24-85
Julia Hesselting	Julia Hesselting	Box 12, 69142	12-13-66
L.J. HENRICKS	L.J. Henricks	Box 114 Halsey 69142	10-9-49
Paul Seel	Paul Seel	Box 19 Halsey 69142	6-14-68
Wm Karac	Wm Karac	Box 54 Halsey 69142	8-25-1940

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Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
Dawn Keet Hasebrock	<i>Dawn Keet Hasebrock</i>	P.O. Box 144, Halsey 69142	11/30/45
Ronald George Hasebrock	<i>Ronald George Hasebrock</i>	P.O. Box 144, Halsey 69142	02/19/40
1218 1/2 E. Tebban	<i>1218 1/2 E. Tebban</i>	PO Box 95 Halsey 69142	7-9-28
CRYSTAL SWISHER	<i>CRYSTAL SWISHER</i>	Crystal Swisher 83658 Independence 69142	12-15-39
DAVID W. FROM	<i>David W. From</i>	P.O. Box 131 Halsey NE 69142	9-15-55
Kris R. Canaway	<i>Kris R. Canaway</i>	PO Box 44 Halsey, NE 69142	5-21-1970
Johna K. Eaton	<i>Johna K. Eaton</i>	PO Box 98 Halsey NE 69142	5-14-54
Mark C. Teddon	<i>Mark C. Teddon</i>	P.O. Box 14 Halsey, NE 69142	4/14/80
Marisa Schaeffer	<i>Marisa Schaeffer</i>	P.O. Box 14 Halsey, NE 69142	6-3-82
Dianna R. Rodacker	<i>Dianna R. Rodacker</i>	Dianna R. Rodacker P.O. Box 133, Halsey NE 69142	9/26/19
Melaine K. Coffman	<i>Melaine K. Coffman</i>	PO Box 65, Halsey NE 69142	3/30/1960
Lynnn Henry	<i>Lynnn Henry</i>	PO Box 23, Halsey NE 69142	4-29-58
Faye Johnson	<i>Faye Johnson</i>	PO Box 37 Halsey NE 69142	8-27-33
Wayne Christensen	<i>Wayne Christensen</i>	P.O. Box 96 Halsey, NE 69142	4-8-55

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Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
Lisa A Marten	Lisa A Marten	PO Box 143 Halsey NE 69142	11-23-67
Adam J. Markin	Adam J. Markin	PO Box 143 Halsey, NE 69142	12-2-68
Peggy Coffman	Peggy Coffman	40836 Quarter House Ln Halsey, NE 69142	2-2-52
Tim Griffin	Tim Griffin	PO Box 152 Halsey NE 69142	9/18/65
NoREEN Mastascusa	NoREEN Mastascusa	PO Box 43, Halsey, NE 69142	6/2/61
Richard Gilbert	Richard Gilbert	P.O. Box 142, Halsey NE 69142	2/23/1975
MARY FROSTHAM	MARY FROSTHAM	PO Box 86 Halsey NE 69142	11/16/46
Dan FROSTHAM	Dan FROSTHAM	PO Box 41 Halsey NE 69142	6/12/48
Katherine Christensen	Katherine Christensen	PO Box 96 Halsey NE 69142	7/31-54
Minnie Hamilton	Minnie Hamilton	P.O. Box 95 Halsey, Ne. 69142	9/29-29
Edith Teahon	Edith Teahon	PO Box 95 Halsey NE 69142	8/24-45
Eleanor Hastorf	Eleanor Hastorf	Box 94 Halsey NE 69142	9-5-12
Wilma Heinowski	Wilma Heinowski	PO Box 114 Halsey NE	10-14-55
Ronald Edwards	Ronald Edwards	PO Box 84 Halsey NE	12-22-46

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Printed Name	Signature	PO Box #, Town and Zip Code	Date of Birth
SHARON MULLER	Sharon Muller	PO # 85 Halsey Ne 69142	1-17-57
Sally Rodacker	Sally Rodacker	PO Box 122 Halsey 69142	4-8-71
Brian Rodacker	Brian Rodacker	PO Box 122 Halsey 69142	4-11-82
Kenneth Chase	Kenneth Chase	PO Box 122 Halsey 69142	4-11-82
Julie Chase	Julie Chase	41009 Goose Creek Rd 69135	9-23-29
Alva Teddy Keys	Alva Teddy Keys	41009 Goose Creek Rd 69135	6-26-37
Larry R. Keys	Larry R. Keys	40872 Goose Creek Rd 69135	10-26-61
Marlene A Keys	Marlene A. Keys	40872 Goose Creek Rd 69135	4-8-38
Herry O. Keys	Herry O. Keys	40872 Goose Creek Rd 69135	7-25-61
Amanda J. Keys	Amanda J. Keys	40822 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE 69135	11-07-1991
Sherry B Keys	Sherry B. Keys	40822 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE 69135	8-3-89
Aunt Keys	Aunt Keys	40822 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE 69135	2/21/61
Keith Keys	Keith Keys	40808 Goose Creek Rd Elmore NE 69135	10/19/28
Cynthia L. Smith	Cynthia L. Smith	85123 Gile's Lane Elmore NE 69135	4/1/41

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Karen Swisher	Karen Swisher	83648 Hurdum Ave. Halsey, NE 69142	1-19-63
Nicole Swisher	Nicole Swisher	83648 Hurdum Ave Halsey, NE 69142	6-24-90
Sallie Atkins	Sallie Atkins	83975 Atkins Rd. Halsey, NE 69142	11/09/51
Amelia J. Rodecker	Amelia Rodecker	P.O. Box 32 Halsey NE 69142	6-17-47
William K. Jensen	William K. Jensen	P.O. Box 84137 JENSEN NE 69142	3-2-37
Patricia Shoemaker	Patricia Shoemaker	40995 Coese Creek Rd, Elmwood, NE 69135	8-23-63
Celeste McRogers	Celeste McRogers	PO Box 8 Hurdum NE 69157	5-7-56
Jean M. Cox	Jean M. Cox	84303 Harvest Ave Hurdum, NE 69157	4-23-58

This is the list of names of Halsey & the
 Hay Co Route which will affect the Halsey
 Closing.

U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl

From: Deb VanMatre

Fax: 402-930-4434

Date: 7/6/2011

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Re: Ms. Mary Frodsham

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July 6, 2011

Ms. Sharon M. Predoehl
United States Postal Service
Central Plains District
PO Box 199504
Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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Dear Ms. Predoehl:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Mary L. Frodsham
PO Box 86
Halsey, NE 69142
30 JUN 2011

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To whom it may concern:
USPS, NE Congress, NE Senator,

I am writing this and these suggestions to help us save the Post Office in Halsey, NE, 69142:

1. My first suggestion is that the USPS start at the top and discontinue advertising on television and wherever other ads may appear encouraging us to use the PO. It seems to me it would be a better expenditure to let us keep the PO open and then we would use the facilities. We already know what the Postal Service offers and it is good. I don't feel they need to spend the money to remind us while crying hard times and closing rural offices.
2. Would it be an option to keep us open with lower work hours such as 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM? 50% of all rural offices facing closure would seem to work on saving money rather than random closure of some.
3. On a personal note, my husband and I are in our mid 60's and I know that we would not drive elsewhere to mail packages as often as we do mail them on a regular basis. I think we would end up using UPS (which we do not now use personally). We also get medications delivered and HC boxes are known to be targets for vandals, especially in communities with elder persons who are known to receive drugs and money delivered by contemporary mailing, not electronic, which most of us at an advanced age are unfamiliar with.
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5. I do hope you reconsider our request, even if it means a half day. At least we would feel that our mail will continue to be safe and secure. Old traditions die hard and the Post Office has been a rural tradition for over 100 years and I personally would hate to lose it.

Thank You,
Mary Frodsham



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3. If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section: How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better☐ Just as Good☐ No Opinion☒ Worse

If yes, please explain: NOT AS SAFE AS IN A BUILDING (WE GET MEDICATIONS)
NEED TO CHANGE OUR ADDRESS ON OUR MAIL AS WE
ONLY USE PO BOX 86 FOR SECURITY & SAFETY - NO PHYSICAL ADDRESS

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping to THEDFORD
☒ Personal needs TO THEDFORD
☒ Banking TO THEDFORD
☐ Employment
☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Name: MARY L. FRODSHAM
Address: P.O. BOX 86 HALSEY, NE 69142
Telephone: 308-533-2508
Date: 30 JUN 2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

see attachment

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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the HALSEY Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

a. Entering permit mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Resetting/using postage meter	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

Nonpostal Services

a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. Using for school bus stop	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

If yes, please explain: OUR MEDICATIONS
DELIVERED BY MAIL

d. Using public bulletin board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
e. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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If yes, please explain:

see attachment Mary Trudham

Central Pkng 69142, Frodsham

Mary L. Frodsham
PO Box 86
Halsey, NE 69142
30 JUN 2011

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To whom it may concern: *The Hon. Postmaster General*
c/c USPS, NE Congress, NE Senator,

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Mary Frodsham

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h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please explain: FOR MEDICATIONS
DELIVERED BY MAIL

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain: _____

see attachment Mary Jackson

Dan Frodsham
Po Box 86
Halsey NE 69142

10/07/2011

Dear Dan

I received your letters and will place it in the docket for Halsey NE, the docket at this time has been removed from Halsey and will be submitted to District. Thank you for your concerns they will be taken into consideration.

Thank you,

Jessica Bergen
Postmaster
Po Box 9998
Paxton NE 69155

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U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl
From: Deb VanMatre
Fax: 402-930-4434
Date: 7/8/2011
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Re: Minnie Hamilton

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Senator Johanns
Kearney Office
4111 Fourth Avenue, Suite 26
Kearney, NE 68845
June 22, 2011

Congressman Smith:
Dear Senator Johanns,

I hope there is something you can do to assist us in saving the Post Office in Halsey, Nebraska.

I have five children and a number of grandchildren who live out of state and I mail numerous items to them throughout the year.

I enjoy the daily paper from North Platte that gets delivered by mail.

I receive medications by mail and the delivery of these is important to my health.

Would the cost of contract carriers be less at today's fuel prices than the cost of our one Post Mistress and the rental on our Post Office building? I also believe that some work has recently been done to upgrade the building and add additional postal machinery.

Please reconsider the closing of the Post Office in Halsey as it is an important part of our community and our way of life here in Halsey, Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Minnie M. Hamilton
Minnie Mary Hamilton
Halsey, NE 69142
308-533-2278



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Re: Ron and Dawn Hasebroock

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July 7, 2011

Ron & Dawn Hasebroock
P.O. Box
Halsey, Nebraska 69142

To Whom It May Concern: *Congressman Adrian Smith*
ATTN: Deb VanMatre

We are writing to you to express our concern for the proposed discontinuance of the Halsey, Nebraska Post Office.

Ron received a letter from Congressman Adrian Smith stating that the budget deficit is critical to USPS solvency, shutting down the smallest 10,000 rural mail facilities would save only seven-tenths of one percent of the USPS operating budget.

We have lived in large metropolitan areas for many years before retiring to Halsey. We feel more gain on the budget would be achieved if the numerous Post Offices in the metro areas would reduce the hours of operation.

Respectfully,

Ron Hasebroock
Dawn Hasebroock
Ron & Dawn Hasebroock

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Re: Lee and Reta Teahon

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Congressman Smith
Dear Senator Johanns,

Regarding the closure of the Post Office in Halsey, NE. I am hoping you can help and save our Post Office in town.

My husband and I own the Double T Bar and Restaurant and do daily business with the Post Office.

We have to take water samples and these need to be mailed to the state every three months and these have to be stamped and mailed by hand as we do not do business on the internet.

We both get medications mailed to us.

We read the North Platte daily paper and it gets delivered to us daily.

We have no computer at the business and so all of our mailing is done by hand and at the Post Office here in town. This includes incoming and outgoing mail for the business, plus our personal mailing.

We collect stamps and buy sheets of the new ones as they come out.

Owning the business and with our hours here running the business, it would be a hardship to have to take the time to drive daily to conduct this business.

We are asking the U.S. Postal Service to listen to Halsey, Nebraska customers and reconsider the closing of our Post Office as it is used often and frequently by the citizens of Halsey and personally we would find this an inconvenience for us, as I'm sure it would be for others of our community.

Sincerely,

Lee and Reta Teahon

Lee and Reta Teahon
Double T
Halsey, NE 69142
308-533-2508

P.S. We have owned the Double T (Restaurant and Lounge) since now 1972, almost 40 years, and we have seen many changes during those years, and the loss of our post office would be a terrible loss to our town.

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U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl

From: Deb VanMatre

Fax: 402-930-4434

Date: 7/7/2011

Pages: 3 (Including Cover Sheet)



Re: Ms. Colleen Higgins

Deborah VanMatre
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July 7, 2011

Ms. Sharon M. Predoehl
United States Postal Service
Central Plains District
PO Box 199504
Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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Dear Ms. Predoehl:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



ADRIAN SMITH
Member of Congress

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June 1, 2011

Congressman Adrian Smith
Atten: Deb Vanmatre
1811 W Second St. STE 105
Grand Island, Ne. 68803

My name is Colleen Higgins. I retired in January of 2010, after serving the Halsey community for 35 years as their postmaster. The post office is a viable center for our community.

The post office serves a box section of between 55 and 60 boxes. Halsey is the administrative office over the Purdum and Elsmere post offices.

The Nebraska National Forest is located at Halsey. So all the business of the United States Dept. of Agriculture and camp ground associated with the forest is handled by the Halsey office.

The Nebraska State 4-H camp is also located at the Halsey forest. With all the activities at the camp the post office is vital to them.

Sandhills Public Elementary is located at Halsey. This is the elementary center for Halsey, Dunning, Purdum, Brewster, Elsmere and surrounding rural area. The school district covers parts of five counties. It is essential that they have a post office to serve them.

Our community is mainly elderly people. It would create an unjust hardship for them if the post office would close and they would have to travel up to 34 miles round trip to meet their postal needs. Our elderly people do not use the computer and internet services like the younger generation, so they deserve to have this service continue for them.

Our post office building is in excellent condition, with a new roof, new furnace, new box section with parcel lockers and new counter line.

Please reconsider this closing or reduction in hours. Our community deserves to have this important service continue.

Respectfully,



Colleen Higgins

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U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl

From: Deb VanMatre

Fax: 402-930-4434

Date: 7/6/2011

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Re: Ms. Mabel Rodocker

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July 6, 2011

Ms. Sharon M. Predoehl
United States Postal Service
Central Plains District
PO Box 199504
Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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Dear Ms. Predoehl:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



ADRIAN SMITH
Member of Congress

ATTN: Deborah VanMatre
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Grand Island, NE 68803

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Halley, Ne 69142

Box 7

June 22, 2011

Congressman Adrian Smith

I am shocked at the possibility of Halley Post office closing - We need our Post office. I am a handicapped citizen of Halley and I'm 84 years old. I live 3 1/2 blocks from the Post office - When weather permits I can use my walker and go get my mail.

I came to this area in 1949 and lived on a ranch 9 miles North West of Halley. Our mail was brought to our Box on Purdum Road - addressed as Hc 76 Box 2. We travelled 5 miles on gravelled road to get our mail. In 1952 I moved into Halley and it was great to be near my Post office - I use Halley Post office and buy my stamps - they cost me \$8.80 a month and in December averages 64¢ for 40 stamps.

Are you aware our area has Nebraska National Forest - Nebraska H.H. Camp. Sandhills school elementary - Mail is carried to Purdum and Elmore from our Post office - In Purdum we have Purdum State Bank - Purdum has a small Post office but is still active -

Our acting Post Mistress comes from Thelard - Why don't we have local people for our area - Our town needs local people

Please don't close our Post office. If needed cut our hours open. We live 17 miles from Thelard and 10 miles from Cumby - Our mail comes from North Platte. Sunday mail comes from Grand Island

Please help us
Mabel Radzicki

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U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl
From: Deb VanMatre
Fax: 402-930-4434
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Re: Mr. Dale Hafer – Sandhills Public Schools

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July 6, 2011

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Central Plains District
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Dear Ms. Predoehl:

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Sincerely,



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Sandhills Public Schools



**P.O. BOX 29, 107 GANDY AVE.
DUNNING, NE 68833**

**PHONE: 308-538-2224
FAX: 308-538-2228**

June 30, 2011

Congressman Adrian Smith
1811 W Second St. Suite 105
Grand Island, NE 68803



Dear Congressman Smith,

I would like to extend warm greetings from the Sandhills of Nebraska. The purpose of this letter is to ask your support in helping us keep the Halsey, Post Office open and maintained at its current level of service.

Myself, as well as many district patrons, attended a public meeting June 29th to discuss possible changes, including closing, the post office in Halsey. Kathy Hand, Post Office Operations Manager, hosted the meeting. This issue is particularly important to our school district, as Halsey is the location of our K-6 Elementary Building.

Our school district continues to see a decline in enrollment. We have not received equalization aid for several years now. However, we see no choice but to continue to fund a free and appropriate education to our patrons. Further consolidation of our district is just not feasible. Our school district is over 903 square miles in area. Many of our students must travel close to an hour to arrive at school. My point is we are committed to providing the basic needs of education in our district without state aid. I am asking your support to encourage the postal service to do the same as we feel postal service is a basic right to our citizens like public education.

We do business with the post office daily during the week. It is an essential service in which the school district, as well as businesses and families, depend on in Halsey. Not having our current level of service would require us to travel to Thedford or Dunning for those services. This will impose a new level of hardship on the citizens of Halsey not to mention more expense to businesses, families, and the school.

Please join us in encouraging the U.S. Postal Service to maintain the Halsey Post Office. Your assistance and support is great appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dale J. Hafer
Superintendent

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U.S. Congressman Adrian Smith (NE-03)

To: Sharon Predoehl
From: Deb VanMatre
Fax: 402-930-4434
Date: 7/18/2011
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Re: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gerhard

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July 18, 2011

Ms. Sharon M. Predoehl
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Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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Thank you.

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Member of Congress

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Herb and Nancy Gerhard
409 Railroad Street, PO Box 64
Halsey, NE 69142
July 15, 2011

Congressman Adrian Smith
Attn: Deb VanMatre
1811 West 2nd Street, Ste. 105
Grand Island, NE 68803



Dear Congressman:

We understand that the USPS wishes to close the Post Office here in Halsey for several reasons, one of which is to help save money. We would like to address that point and several other related ones. As a former carrier on this route, Herb is convinced that the amount of money that would be required to enable a carrier to provide the necessary services to the necessary people would be nearly equal to that required to run the Post Office.

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The U.S. Nebraska National Forest, Bessey Division, is located just outside of Halsey. The Forest, as well as receiving incoming mail, also does a daily business with the Post Office in the form of money orders and other Post Office services, including reservations for camping sites.

The Nebraska State 4-H camp, also located just outside of town, requires similar daily services.

Sandhills Public School, having an attendance center in Halsey, uses these services as well.

It has always been my understanding that USPS would provide these services to a rural area as a service, and not necessarily to make money.

Sincerely,

Herb and Nancy Gerhard

Herb and Nancy Gerhard
409 Railroad Street, PO Box 64
Halsey, NE 69142
July 15, 2011

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DISTRICT MANAGER

JUL 19 2011

CENTRAL PLAINS PC
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

USPS Central Plains District Manager
PO Box 199500
Omaha NE 69119-9500

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409 Railroad St
Po Box 64
Halsey NE 69142

07/27/2011

Dear Herb and Nancy,

I received your letter and will place it in the docket for Halsey this Docket will be at the Halsey, Thedford, and Dunning post offices for 60 days starting on the 29th of July, 2011. Thank you for your concerns they will be taken into consideration.

Thank you,

Jessica Bergen
Postmaster
Po Box 9998
Paxton NE 69155

July 26, 2011

USPS Central Plains Dis. Manager
PO Box 19950
Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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AUG - 3 2011

CENTRAL PLAINS PC
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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To whom It May Concern:

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The Halsey post office building is in excellent condition; with a new furnace, water pump, box section, counter line and roof completed just last year. No extra funds would need to be spent on the office for several years.

Please consider a reduction in hours at the Halsey post office instead. By doing so, saving the additional cost you will spend on the highway contract if you restructure that route.

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Respectfully yours,

Colleen Higgins
Retired Halsey, NE Postmaster



Cc; Sen. Ben Nelson
Manager Consumer affairs and claims
Sen. Mike Johanns
Congressman Adrian Smith

July 26, 2011

Manager Consumer Affairs and claims
PO Box 199504
Omaha, NE 68119-9504

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Congressman Adrian Smith

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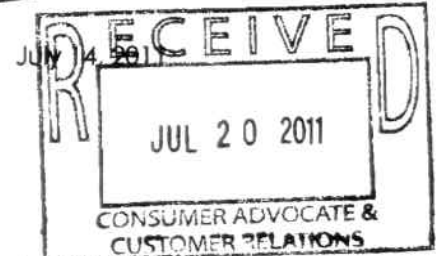
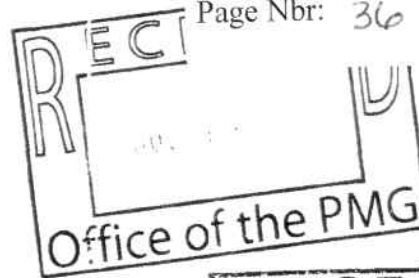
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The Honorable Postmaster General
Patrick Donahoe
475 L Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington D. C. 20260-0010



Dear Friend,

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We would rather lose Saturday mail service and go to half a day service than to lose our post office entirely. Another alternative is to charge everyone who recieves mail a small monthly or yearly fee, as we have had to pay a yearly fee in the past to have our post office box.

We may not be very big but because we have the Hasley National Forest, Nebraska 4-H Camp and the Elementary School we still produce a lot of mail and just because our postmaster retired should not be suffient reason to close our post office.

Sincerely yours,
Ronald and Carolyn Edwards
P.O. 84 103 Forest Street
Halsey NE. 69142

Ronald Edwards
Carolyn Edwards

Ron and Carolyn Edwards
Po Box 84
Halsey NE 69142

10/07/2011

Dear Ron & Carolyn

I received your letter and will place it in the docket for Halsey NE, the docket at this time has been removed from Halsey and will be submitted to District. Thank you for your concerns they will be taken into consideration.

Thank you,

Jessica Bergen
Postmaster
Po Box 9998
Paxton NE 69155

Manager Consumer Affairs and Claims
P.O. Box 199504
Omaha NE. 68119-9504

July 14 2011

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postmark 7.15.11

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Jessica Bergen
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Paxton NE 69155

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August 22, 2011
P.O. Box 44
Halsey, NE 69142

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DISTRICT MANAGER

AUG 25 2011

Ms. Leann Tvrdy
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE 68119-9500

CENTRAL PLAINS PC
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Dear Ms. Tvrdy:

I am writing to ask that you consider keeping the Halsey post office open for business. As the wife of the chairman of the Halsey town board, I am concerned that the closure of the post office would be a further hindrance to economic development in the area. Our population has decreased in recent years, and the town board is working on some different approaches for stimulating growth. We feel that especially with the Nebraska National Forest so close to our community that we could build on the tourism industry that already takes place there. However, it will be even more difficult to attract new businesses, like a grocery store or a consignment shop, if there is no local post office through which to send necessary correspondence and packages. There are also local artisans in town who use the post office as a way to send their products to customers. We are very concerned that these small, home-based businesses continue to flourish.

I am also concerned that by closing this rural post office you causing a generation of young people to forget what a post office is and what services it can provide. I am a kindergarten teacher. There have been many years that I have taken my students to the post office on a short field trip. The postmaster has graciously shown us around and explained to the children how the mail is sorted and delivered. If this post office were to close, this learning experience would not be possible.

I also take my own children into the Halsey post office every time I purchase stamps. They look at the posters hanging on the wall, examine the different kinds of stamps available, and love helping me pick out their favorites. If the Halsey post office were to close, they would not have this opportunity. We are very rarely in another community during post office hours. My children also enjoy talking with the person behind the counter at the post office. They love going in to get the mail. I think this is very good "public relations" for you. If you are trying to run the post office as a business, please consider that these children—my own as well as the students from the local school—will be your future customers. Will they remember the post office as a great place to go, or will they grow up with only the rarest of experiences conducting business in such a place?

As a community we realize that businesses must cut and streamline expenses wherever possible. We would be willing to work with reduced business hours and fewer days open in order to maintain a post office presence in our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristin Ganoung".

Kristin Ganoung

Cc: Senator Ben Nelson

Senator Mike Johanns

Congressman Adrian Smith

USPS Central Plains District Manager

Kristin Ganoung
Po Box 44
Halsey NE 69142

10/07/2011

Dear Kristin

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Paxton NE 69155

Halsey post office slated for closure

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imately 75 concerned citizens, including past postmasters and other postal employees, were present for the informative meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, at the Halsey Auditorium. Also present were representatives from Congressman Adrian Smith's office as well as Senator Ben Nelson's office.

Kathy Hand, District Manager of Post Office Operations and Jessie Bergen, Paxton Postmaster, were present for a question and answer session.

Kathy started out the meeting informing those present that the United States Post Office was losing over \$30 million a day and that different alternatives were being looked at to reduce costs by bringing them back to the black. Alternatives include five days a week delivery, lessening hours at various post offices, and closing post offices that are found to not have enough volume or work load.

Every post office has been evaluated and rated on sales and mail volume. An amount of actual work time was accumulated based on a formula put together by the postal service. A post office

less than two hours of work load a day and not presently having a postmaster is being considered for closure. Jeri Huddle is presently the officer in charge and is not the postmaster.

Patrons of the post office voiced concerns and asked for suggestions on what they could do to keep their post office open. Surveys were sent out or are available at the post office to be filled out and sent in for evaluation.

Members of the school district, county officials, employees of the State 4-H Camp and the Forest Service were present to tell what a vital part of their daily work the post office was and what a hardship it would create financially for them to have to go elsewhere to mail packages, buy postage, and send insured/certified letters. Several elderly residents as well as residents that receive medication through the mail also voiced their concern about how they would get it and keep it secure.

Possibilities if the post office is closed include alternative methods for the same service which include putting lock boxes in a central location and putting mail boxes along a central

route, but residents would still have to travel to an area post office to have things weighed or to buy postage and other products.

The only addresses that would be changed would be the patrons that have post office box numbers. They would have to use their 911 addresses.

Kathy also recommended that people write or call their senators, congressmen and also to the USPS Central Plains District Manager for the post office in Omaha.

Hand also stated that the surveys are very important tools that the officials use to make recommendations and will be a vital part of the process in evaluating what to do with the Halsey post office. She suggested that on the survey you list all the hardships that the closure will cause, including cost to individuals and businesses for travel time to other locations, inability of some residents to drive to other towns for services, the

fact that some people don't have internet and are unable to order postage on-line or pay bills on-line, or any other thing that the patron feels is relative to keeping this vital community center open and operating in Halsey.

Kathy stated she would recommend the alternative of Highway Contract Carrier routes and not closure in her reports, but urged residents to get their surveys in and extended the deadline to Friday, July 8th.

Following is a list of names, addresses and phone numbers for people to contact to share their input on the plight of the small town post offices:

USS Central Plains
District Manager
PO Box 199500
Omaha NE, 68119-9500

Senator Ben Nelson
440 N 8th St, Ste. 120
Lincoln NE 68508

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DISTRICT MANAGER
Central Plains Performance Cluster



July 19, 2011

The Honorable Adrian Smith
US House of Representatives
1811 W 2nd St Ste 105
Grand Island NE 68803-5400

Attn: Deborah VanMatre

Dear Congressman Smith:

This is in response to the concerns expressed by your constituents regarding the possible closing of the **Halsey NE** Post Office.

As you are aware, the U.S. Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. As a result of dramatic declines in mail volume, the Postal Service continues to experience significantly reduced revenue. In fact, over the past five years, mail volume has declined by 43.1 billion pieces, customer visits have decreased by 200 million, and retail transactions have diminished by \$2 billion. In order to sustain universal mail service to the American people, we are taking every action within our control to cut costs and streamline operations across the organization. Over the last four years, the USPS has reduced its size by 110,000 career positions and cut \$12 billion in costs, and still lost \$8.5 billion last year. The USPS cut 15 percent of administrative positions in 2009 and another 20 percent this year, and over the last couple years 13 district offices and two area offices have closed. The Postal Service is consolidating mail routes, mail processing locations, and transportation in an effort to try and keep the Postal Service viable so that we can continue to provide universal mail service.

The Halsey NE Post Office is currently being "studied" for possible discontinuance. The study is ongoing, and no final decision has been made. The Public Meeting, which is part of the discontinuance study, was held on June 29, 2011. Customer comments from the Halsey NE community are currently being received and reviewed. Please be assured that postal officials are devoting careful attention to this study, and customers will be notified in advance of any changes that may affect service in their area.

During the study process, postal managers will consider the effect on the community and postal employees, the ability to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the affected community, and potential economic savings. Customers of an office considered for closing are provided opportunities, through questionnaires and public meetings, to share their concerns and views both on the action and on mail service alternatives. Before the Postal Service makes a decision to close or consolidate an independent Post Office, we comply with all the stipulations mandated by federal law. All final decisions are subject to review by the independent Postal Regulatory Commission, and the discontinuance procedures contained in Title 39, United States Code, are exercised before an independent Post Office can be permanently closed. If an office is closed, the office name is retained for use in local mailing addresses to preserve community identity.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I have forwarded your constituent's comments and concerns to the Discontinuance Coordinator for review and consideration during the discontinuance study process.

Sincerely,



Rick Pivovar
District Manager

Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

☒ Tell what we are doing and why.

☒ Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?

☒ If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?

☒ Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC

☒ Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.

☒ Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.

☒ Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.

☒ Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.

☒ Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

☒ Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

☒ If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.

☒ Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

☒ Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.

☒ Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.

☒ Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

☒ Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.

☒ Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

☒ Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.

☒ Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.

☒ Was Post Office used as meeting place?

☒ Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?

☒ Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?

☒ Were government forms available at the Post Office?

☒ Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?

☒ What is the historical value of the office?

☒ Is an address change necessary?

☒ Will the community identity be preserved?

☒ What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?

☒ Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

☒ Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-____, Minimum, no COLA)

Fringe benefits 33.5%

Rental costs, excluding utilities

Total annual costs

Less estimated cost of replacement service

Total annual savings

\$	33,168
\$	11,111
\$	5,868
\$	50,147
-	8,918
\$	41,229

A one-time expense of \$ 1000 will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By:

Investigative Coordinator

Julica Bergen

Date

7/19/11

Reviewed and Certified By:

District PO Review Coordinator

DeAnn K. Jrdy

Date

11/29/11



07/15/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804
WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close
the HALSEY Post Office
Docket No. 1366007

This is to advise you that on 07/29/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the HALSEY Post Office in Thomas, Congressional District No. Nebraska 3rd.

If you have any questions, please call LEANN TVRDY District Review Coordinator at (402) 930-4431.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar".

RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



J7/15/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
HALSEY Proposal
Docket No. 1366007 - 69142

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the HALSEY Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 07/29/2011 through close of business on 09/29/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leann TvrDY".

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal
Invitation for Comments
Comment Forms
Official Record

Date of Posting: 07/29/2011

Date of Removal: 09/29/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE HALSEY, NE POST OFFICE AND EXTEND SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Halsey Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Halsey Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 07/29/2011 through 09/29/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Halsey Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

LEANN TVRDY
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

For more information, you may call LEANN TVRDY at (402) 930-4431 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.



KATHY HAND
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Date of Posting: 07/29/2011

Posting Round Date:

Date of Removal: 09/29/2011

Removal Round Date:

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE HALSEY, NE POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1366007 - 69142

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Halsey, NE Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Thedford Post Office, located 16 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Reduction in workload and reduced customer demand.

The Halsey Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 07:30 - 12:00 - 12:30 - 16:00 Monday - Friday, 07:30 - 09:00 Saturday and lobby hours of 24hours on Monday - Friday and 24hours on Saturday to 66 post office box or general delivery customers and 10 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 12 transaction(s) accounting for 14 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by highway contract route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$14,993 (39 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$14,846 (39 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$11,539 (30 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On June 29, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Sandhills Elementary gymnasium to answer questions and provide information to customers. 65 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On June 29, 2011, 74 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Halsey Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Halsey Post Office. 48 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 2 favorable, 28 unfavorable, and 18 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Thedford Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Thedford Post Office are from 8:30-12:30-1:30-4:00, Monday through Friday, and 8:30-10:00 on Saturday. There are 71 post office boxes available.

Retail service is also available at the Dunning Post Office an EAS-11 level office, located 10 miles away. Window service hours at Dunning Post Office are from 7:45-3:30, Monday through Friday and 8:15-10:15 on Saturday. There are 90 post office boxes available for rent.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer concerned where the mail box would be located

Response: I understand you would like the mail box closer to your home as that would be convenient to you. Unfortunately we have to make sure that it would be on the carriers line of travel. Until the postal service decides what course of action this study will take we cannot determine where delivery would be.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup.

Response: Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. For carrier pick up of packages, you can contact the administrative Post Office, letting the carrier know that you have a package available for pick up. The carrier can deviate from the line of travel in order to receive packages. The rural carrier will accept letters, flats or packages up to 13 ounces for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate. Packages over 13 ounces may be picked up if the postage was printed online or with a traceable meter.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response: The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.
4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner. I understand the needs of the school and feel that your community has needs that the postal service provides to you. I also believe that your rural carrier will be able to supply you with many of the services that you are commonly using at the post office today.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a possible address change.

Response:

There will be no change in customer addresses.

6. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response:

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

7. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By placing mail boxes on the rural carriers line of travel I hope that the elderly will find that its just as convenient to do business with the rural mail carrier. I realize that the Halsey National Forest, and 4-H camp bring in business to your community, and have specific needs with the postal service. I will take all your concerns in consideration when making my decision.

8. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

Most retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier and do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using a Stamps by Mail order form, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate

payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

9. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
10. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
11. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By adding an additional 66 boxes to the mail carriers route the delay of time for your mail may not be affected. We would have to determine in which order the delivery of the proposed boxes would be delivered. The new boxes would also be very close together making delivery time less than normal.
12. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Most packages that need a signature can be signed for and the package redelivered the next day when a signature is left in the box, your carrier will be glad to work with you to avoid the need for you to travel.
13. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Rural carriers will be able to help with many international and military mail, they can provide you with the custom forms and assist with questions you may have. There may still be times unfortunately that you will have to travel to the post office for assistance. The delay time in mail delivery will be less than you would expect if at all, due to the fact that the new proposed 66 boxes will all be in a row so the delivery time will be faster than normal.
14. **Concern:** handicapped citizen, national forest
- Response:** If the discontinuance would be approved your mail would arrive to the street very close to your house, possibly right in front of your residence. If special needs are required by the mail carrier to collect or deliver packages for you simply leave a note in the box. I understand that the national forest there in Halsey provides a lot of traffic and business for your community. Unfortunately the postal service has been under a hiring freeze for quite some time now and providing you with a local Postmaster have not been done for many communities. I understand your concerns and will take all of what you have stated in mind when making any further decisions.
15. **Concern:** Postal Service should cut top positions, postal minimum time to do job 14 min

Response:

I would like to take the time to answer some of your concerns that were stated in the letter. In the concern about cutting top jobs in the postal service, I would like to inform you that the postal service has cut many top positions, when our current Postmaster General took office. Closing small vacant post offices was just one of the many ways that the postal service is looking to cut costs and try to save our business. The Rural carriers are very good and should be commended for the job they do daily to provide excellent service to our customers. I believe they truly care about your letters and Packages, please let them know if you have a specific place you want medications placed that would be secure for you if your not going to be home, when the carrier arrives at your box. Unfortunately I am not able to answer questions about reducing window hours at this time. There have been many requests given to congress to allow us to go to a 5 day delivery system which would cut costs considerably, unfortunately this request has not been granted so we have had to search other alternative methods to cut costs.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Halsey is an unincorporated community located in Thomas County. The community is administered politically by Mayor. Police protection is provided by the Thomas. Fire protection is provided by the Halsey Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Farming Community, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Sandhills Elementary School UCC Church Nebraska 4-H camp, Frontier Inn and RV Park Double T Bar Rodocker Construction Dave Masek Construction Village Clerk Office. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Halsey Post Office will be available at the Thedford Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Thedford Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers felt the loss of a Post Office would have a detrimental effect on the business community.
Response: Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and this will always be available through the rural mail carrier. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the Post Office is discontinued.
2. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities.
Response: Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings with this change. Additional funds are necessary in larger cities because of a greater workload. Larger cities often realize greater revenue which can offset their greater expenses

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 41,229 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,111
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 5,868</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,147
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 8,918</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 41,229</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

Will be able to discontinue service of the HC69167 with an annual savings of 15472.04

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Halsey, NE Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Thedford Post Office, located 16 miles away.

The postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Halsey Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 66 PO Box or general delivery customers and 10 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 12. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$41,229 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Halsey Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/29/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the HALSEY Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.
3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date _____



07/15/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on 09/29/2011 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. Round-date stamp them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. The proposal and invitation for comments must be posted for at least 60 days, and the first day does not count.

On the same day, prominently post in the lobby the enclosed "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration." The notice should remain posted until you receive further notice from this office.

Please return the posted "Proposal," "Invitation for Comments," the official record, and any related discontinuance materials to this office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leann TvrDY".

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500



Original Date of Posting: 07/29/2011

Original Date of Removal: 09/29/2011

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

MEMO TO THE RECORD: ABSENCE OF ROUND-DATE STAMP

SUBJECT: ABSENCE OF ROUND-DATE STAMP ON PROPOSAL TO CLOSE AND INVITATION FOR COMMENTS

HALSEY NE
1366007-69142

I, mel Coffman (Printed Name), PMR (Title), hereby sign and acknowledge by this sworn affidavit. I posted in my office for 60 days the Proposal to Close and Invitation for Comments of Halsey, NE Docket Number 1366007-69142

mel Coffman
Signature

11-15-11
Date

Kathleen Rand
Witness Signature

11.15.2011
Date

Round-Date Stamp



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THE RECORD
HALSEY NE 69142
DOCKET # 1366007



**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 09/30/2011

Postal Customers of the Halsey Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Halsey Post Office, which was posted 07/29/2011 through 09/29/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kathy Hand", written in a cursive style.

KATHY HAND
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500



12/20/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HALSEY

Docket Number 1366007 - 69142

The proposal to consolidate the HALSEY was posted with an "Invitation for Comments," at the HALSEY from 07/29/2011 through 09/29/2011 . No comments were received. There is no change to the original proposal. Accordingly, there is no need to modify the proposal to address comments.

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District



A. Office

Name: HALSEY State: NE Zip Code: 69142
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Nebraska 3rd County: THOMAS
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 303930
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 11/29/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

Analysis of 60-Day Posting Comments

Number of comments returned

Total questionnaires distributed	0
Favorable comments	0
Unfavorable comments	0
No opinion expressed	0
Total comments returned	0

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (Favorable):
No Concern
Response:

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

Date of Posting: 07/29/2011

Posting Round Date:

Date of Removal: 09/29/2011

Removal Round Date:

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE HALSEY, NE POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE
(REVISED) *No Changes*

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1. **Concern:** Customer concerned where the mail box would be located

Response: I understand you would like the mail box closer to your home as that would be convenient to you. Unfortunately we have to make sure that it would be on the carriers line of travel. Until the postal service decides what course of action this study will take we cannot determine where delivery would be.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup.

Response: Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. For carrier pick up of packages, you can contact the administrative Post Office, letting the carrier know that you have a package available for pick up. The carrier can deviate from the line of travel in order to receive packages. The rural carrier will accept letters, flats or packages up to 13 ounces for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate. Packages over 13 ounces may be picked up if the postage was printed online or with a traceable meter.
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5. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a possible address change.

Response: There will be no change in customer addresses.

6. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response: The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By placing mail boxes on the rural carriers line of travel I hope that the elderly will find that its just as convenient to do business with the rural mail carrier. I realize that the Halsey National Forest, and 4-H camp bring in business to your community, and have specific needs with the postal service. I will take all your concerns in consideration when making my decision.

8. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response: Most retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier and do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using a Stamps by Mail order form, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

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- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
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- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
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- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By adding an additional 66 boxes to the mail carriers route the delay of time for your mail may not be affected. We would have to determine in which order the delivery of the proposed boxes would be delivered. The new boxes would also be very close together making delivery time less than normal.
12. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Most packages that need a signature can be signed for and the package redelivered the next day when a signature is left in the box, your carrier will be glad to work with you to avoid the need for you to travel.
13. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Rural carriers will be able to help with many international and military mail, they can provide you with the custom forms and assist with questions you may have. There may still be times unfortunately that you will have to travel to the post office for assistance. The delay time in mail delivery will be less than you would expect if at all, due to the fact that the new proposed 66 boxes will all be in a row so the delivery time will be faster than normal.
14. **Concern:** handicapped citizen, national forest
- Response:** If the discontinuance would be approved your mail would arrive to the street very close to your house, possibly right in front of your residence. If special needs are required by the mail carrier to collect or deliver packages for you simply leave a note in the box. I understand that the national forest there in Halsey provides a lot of traffic and business for your community. Unfortunately the postal service has been under a hiring freeze for quite some time now and providing you with a local Postmaster have not been done for many communities. I understand your concerns and will take all of what you have stated in mind when making any further decisions.

15. **Concern:**

Postal Service should cut top positions, postal minimum time to do job
14 min

Response:

I would like to take the time to answer some of your concerns that were stated in the letter. In the concern about cutting top jobs in the postal service, I would like to inform you that the postal service has cut many top positions, when our current Postmaster General took office. Closing small vacant post offices was just one of the many ways that the postal service is looking to cut costs and try to save our business. The Rural carriers are very good and should be commended for the job they do daily to provide excellent service to our customers. I believe they truly care about your letters and Packages, please let them know if you have a specific place you want medications placed that would be secure for you if your not going to be home, when the carrier arrives at your box. Unfortunately I am not able to answer questions about reducing window hours at this time. There have been many requests given to congress to allow us to go to a 5 day delivery system which would cut costs considerably, unfortunately this request has not been granted so we have had to search other alternative methods to cut costs.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Halsey is an incorporated community located in THOMAS County. The community is administered politically by Mayor. Police protection is provided by the Thomas. Fire protection is provided by the Halsey Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Farming Community, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Sandhills Elementary School UCC Church Nebraska 4-H camp , Frontier Inn and RV Park Double T Bar Rodocker Construction Dave Masek Construction Village Clerk Office . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Halsey Post Office will be available at the Thedford Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Thedford Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Concern: | Customers felt the loss of a Post Office would have a detrimental effect on the business community. |
| Response: | Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and this will always be available through the rural mail carrier. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the Post Office is discontinued. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities. |
| Response: | Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings with this change. Additional funds are necessary in larger cities because of a greater workload. Larger cities often realize greater revenue which can offset their greater expenses. |

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 41,229 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,111
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 5,868</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,147
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 8,918</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 41,229</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

Will be able to discontinue service of the HC69167 with an annual savings of 15472.04

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Halsey, NE Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Thedford Post Office, located 17 miles away.

The postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Halsey Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 66 PO Box or general delivery customers and 10 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 12. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$41,229 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Halsey Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



KATHY HAND
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/29/2011
Date

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 07/18/2011
2. Post Office Name HALSEY		3. State and ZIP + 4 Code NE, 69142-9706		
4. District, Customer Service CENTRAL PLAINS PFC	5. Area, Customer Service WESTERN	6. County THOMAS	7. Congressional District Nebraska 3rd	
8. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue Reduction in workload and reduced customer demand.		9. PO Emergency Suspend (Reason and Date) No Suspension		10. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service
11. Staffing		12. Hours of Service		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM Vacancy Reason & Date: retired Occupied 01/01/2010 b. <input type="checkbox"/> OIC <input type="checkbox"/> Career <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Career c. Current PM POSITION Level (150) Downgraded from EAS-11 EAS-55 d. No of Clerks- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 0 e. No of Others- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 0		a. Time M-F 07:30 - 12:00 - 12:30 - 16:00 Sat 07:30 - 09:00 Total Window Hours Per Week b. Lobby Time M-F 24hours Sat 24hours 41.50		
13. Number of Customers Served		14. Daily Volume (Pieces)		
a. General Delivery 2 b. P.O. Box 64 c. City Delivery 0 d. Rural Delivery 0 e. Highway Contract Route Box 10 f. Total 76 g. No. Receiving Duplicate Service 0 h. Average No. Daily Transactions 11.50		Types of Mail Received Dispatched a. First-Class 175 33 b. Newspaper 103 2 c. Parcel 6 1 d. Other 0 0 e. Total 284 36 f. No. of Postage Meters 0 g. No. of Permits 0		
Finances a. FY 2008 2009 2010		Receipts \$ 14,993 \$ 14,846 \$ 11,539	b. EAS Step 1 PM Basic Salary (no Cola) \$ 33168	c. PM Fringe Benefits (33.5% of b.) \$ 11,111
15a. Quarters				
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (if Leased, Expiration Date) 09/30/2012 Annual Lease \$ 5868 30-day cancellation clause? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Evicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if Yes, must vacate by) Located in: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other Suitable alternate quarters available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
15b. Explain:				
17. Schools, Churches and Organization in Service Area: No: 3 Sandhills Elementary School UCC Church Nebraska 4-H camp		19. Administrative/Emanating Office (Proposed): Name THEDFORD EAS Level 13 Miles Away 17.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 8:30-12:30-1:30-4:00 SAT 8:30-10:00 Lobby Hours: M-F 24hours SAT 24hours PO Boxes Available: 71		
18. Businesses in Service Area: No: 5 Frontier Inn and RV Park Double T Bar Rodocker Construction Dave Masek Construction Village Clerk Office		20. Nearest Post Office (if different from above): Name DUNNING EAS Level 11 Miles Away 10.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 7:45-3:30 SAT 8:15-10:15 Lobby Hours: M-F 24hours SAT 24hours PO Boxes Available: 90		
21. Prepared by				
Printed Name and Title JESSICA BERGEN		Signature JESSICA BERGEN		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431
PO Discontinuance Coordinator Name LEANN TVRDY		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431		Location OMAHA, NE



10/18/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
HALSEY
Docket Number 1366007 - 69142

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar".

RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code:	HALSEY, NE, 69142-9706
EAS Level:	11
District:	CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
County:	THOMAS
Congressional District:	Nebraska 3rd
Proposal:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidate
Reason For Proposed:	retired
Alternate Service Proposed:	Highway Contract Route Service
Customers Affected:	
Post Office Box:	64
General Delivery:	2
Rural Route:	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	10
City Route:	0
Intermediate Rural:	0
Intermediate HCR:	46
Total number of customers:	122

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
01/01/2010	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: retired
	OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 0 Other Employees: 0
08/09/2011	District manager authorization to study.
06/29/2011	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 74 Number Returned: 48
08/02/2011	Analysis: Favorable 2 Unfavorable 28 No Opinion 18
	Petition received. Number of signatures: 106
	Concerns expressed:
07/07/2011	Congressional inquiry received: Yes
	Concerns expressed:
07/19/2011	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
07/15/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
07/19/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
11/29/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated.
	Comment Analysis:
	Favorable 0 Unfavorable 0 No Opinion 0 0
None	Premature PRC appeal received.
	Concerns expressed:
07/18/2011	Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
10/18/2011	Certification of the official record.
10/18/2011	District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.
10/21/2011	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
12/05/2011	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
12/16/2011	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal:
	Affirmed: _____ Remanded: _____ USPS Withdrawn: _____
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: _____ Effective date: _____

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

LEANN TVRDY	(402) 930-4431
Name/Title	Telephone Number
LEANN TVRDY	(402) 930-4431
District Post Office Review Coordinator	Telephone Number



10/18/2011

VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA ROOM 5621
WASHINGTON DC 20260-5621

SUBJECT: Official Record

Enclosed for your review and approval is the official record to discontinue the Halsey Post Office.

All appropriate actions have been taken, and we have considered the concerns/comments of affected customers. The record has been thoroughly reviewed, and all necessary documentation is included. All documents in the record are numbered and contain docket and item numbers on each page and a chronological index of all documents in the record is included. Effective and regular service will be provided to community residents by permanently implementing the alternative service proposed.

Refer questions about this Post Office discontinuance to LeAnn Tvrdy, Post Office Review Coordinator, at (402) 930-4431 or Kathy Hand Manager Post Office Operations.

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RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Enclosures:

One copy of record (<http://hqcsopps.usps.gov/public/dis/4E/P1366007.pdf>)
Headquarters acknowledgment of receipt of official record (optional)
Self-addressed envelope

cc: Vice President, WESTERN Area (no enclosures)

Headquarters Acknowledgment of Receipt of Official Record

The official record to consolidate the HALSEY was received by 10/21/2011.
Please contact the Headquarters coordinator at (916) 916-8315 or the address below for additional information regarding its status.

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6700
WASHINGTON DC 20260-6700

Enclosure: (self-addressed envelope)

***Note:** The acknowledgment form is optional and to be used at the district's discretion. Please provide the following memorandum **and** **and a self-addressed return envelope** if you wish to receive an acknowledgment of Headquarters receipt of the record.

Date of Posting: 12/05/2011

Date of Removal: 01/06/2012

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A petition supporting the retention of the Halsey Post Office was received on August 02, 2011, with 106 signatures.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Thedford Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Thedford Post Office are from 8:30-12:30-1:30-4:00, Monday through Friday, and 8:30-10:00 on Saturday. There are 71 post office boxes available.

Retail service is also available at the Dunning Post Office an EAS-11 level office, located 10 miles away. Window service hours at Dunning Post Office are from 7:45-3:30, Monday through Friday and 8:15-10:15 on Saturday. There are 90 post office boxes available for rent.

The proposal to close the Halsey Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Halsey Post Office , Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office from July 29, 2011 to September 29, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:** Customer concerned where the mail box would be located

Response: I understand you would like the mail box closer to your home as that would be convenient to you. Unfortunately we have to make sure that it would be on the carriers line of travel. Until the postal service decides what course of action this study will take we cannot determine where delivery would be.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup.

Response: Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport. For carrier pick up of packages, you can contact the administrative Post Office, letting the carrier know that you have a package available for pick up. The carrier can deviate from the line of travel in order to receive packages. The rural carrier will accept letters, flats or packages up to 13 ounces for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate. Packages over 13 ounces may be picked up if the postage was printed online or with a traceable meter.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

4. **Concern:**

Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner. I understand the needs of the school and feel that your community has needs that the postal service provides to you. I also believe that your rural carrier will be able to supply you with many of the services that you are commonly using at the post office today.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a possible address change.

Response:

There will be no change in customer addresses.

6. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response:

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

7. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By placing mail boxes on the rural carriers line of travel I hope that the elderly will find that its just as convenient to do business with the rural mail carrier. I realize that the Halsey National Forest, and 4-H camp bring in business to your community, and have specific needs with the postal service. I will take all your concerns in consideration when making my decision.

8. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

Most retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier and do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using a Stamps by Mail order form, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer,

the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

9. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
10. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
11. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. By adding an additional 66 boxes to the mail carriers route the delay of time for your mail may not be affected. We would have to determine in which order the delivery of the proposed boxes would be delivered. The new boxes would also be very close together making delivery time less than normal.
12. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Most packages that need a signature can be signed for and the package redelivered the next day when a signature is left in the box, your carrier will be glad to work with you to avoid the need for you to travel.
13. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales. Rural carriers will be able to help with many international and military mail, they can provide you with the custom forms and assist with questions you may have. There may still be times unfortunately that you will have to travel to the post office for assistance. The delay time in mail delivery will be less than you would expect if at all, due to the fact that the new proposed 66 boxes will all be in a row so the delivery time will be faster than normal.
14. **Concern:** handicapped citizen, national forest

Response:

If the discontinuance would be approved your mail would arrive to the street very close to your house, possibly right in front of your residence. If special needs are required by the mail carrier to collect or deliver packages for you simply leave a note in the box. I understand that the national forest there in Halsey provides a lot of traffic and business for your community. Unfortunately the postal service has been under a hiring freeze for quite some time now and providing you with a local Postmaster have not been done for many communities. I understand your concerns and will take all of what you have stated in mind when making any further decisions.

15. **Concern:**

Postal Service should cut top positions, postal minimum time to do job 14 min

Response:

I would like to take the time to answer some of your concerns that were stated in the letter. In the concern about cutting top jobs in the postal service, I would like to inform you that the postal service has cut many top positions, when our current Postmaster General took office. Closing small vacant post offices was just one of the many ways that the postal service is looking to cut costs and try to save our business. The Rural carriers are very good and should be commended for the job they do daily to provide excellent service to our customers. I believe they truly care about your letters and Packages, please let them know if you have a specific place you want medications placed that would be secure for you if you're not going to be home, when the carrier arrives at your box. Unfortunately I am not able to answer questions about reducing window hours at this time. There have been many requests given to congress to allow us to go to a 5 day delivery system which would cut costs considerably, unfortunately this request has not been granted so we have had to search other alternative methods to cut costs.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Halsey is an incorporated community located in THOMAS County. The community is administered politically by Mayor. Police protection is provided by the Thomas. Fire protection is provided by the Halsey Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Farming Community and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Sandhills Elementary School UCC Church Nebraska 4-H camp , Frontier Inn and RV Park Double T Bar Rodocker Construction Dave Masek Construction Village Clerk Office . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Halsey Post Office will be available at the Thedford Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Thedford Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:**

Customers felt the loss of a Post Office would have a detrimental effect on the business community.

Response:

Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and this will always be available through the rural mail carrier. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the Post Office is discontinued.

2. **Concern:**

Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Concern was also expressed that too much money was spent in the larger cities.

Response:

Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings with this change. Additional funds are necessary in larger cities because of a greater workload. Larger cities often realize greater revenue which can offset their greater expenses.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 41,229 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,111
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 5,868</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,147
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 8,918</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 41,229</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

Will be able to discontinue service of the HC69167 with an annual savings of 15472.04

VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Halsey, NE Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Thedford Post Office, located 17 miles away.

The postmaster retired on January 01, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Halsey Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 66 PO Box or general delivery customers and 10 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 12. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$41,229 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Halsey Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Halsey Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at Halsey Post Office, Dunning Post Office and Thedford Post Office during normal office hours.



Dean J Granholm
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

10/24/2011

Date



12/05/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER
Halsey Post Office

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of the Halsey Post Office Final Determination
Docket No. 1366007 - 69142

Please post in the lobby the enclosed final determination to close the Halsey Post Office. The final determination must be posted in a prominent place from 12/05/2011 through close of business on 01/06/2012. It must be posted for at least 30 days and the first day does not count. Additionally, please take down the posted "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments under Internal Consideration" and return to this office.

Round-date stamp the cover of the final determination on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Please send the final determination to me by close of business on 01/07/2012.

Additional copies of the final determination are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record upon which this final determination is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in Administrative Support Manual. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address and telephone number and contact the district for needed copies.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leann K. TVRDY".

LEANN TVRDY
POST OFFICE REVIEW COORDINATOR
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Enclosures:
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Final Determination 30-Day Posting Dates****Post Office Final Determination Posting Dates***

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Official discontinuance date:

No. of days posted: 32

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Note: Unless otherwise stated, the official discontinuance date listed in the Postal Bulletin is the first Saturday that falls 60 days after the final determination is posted. For a community Post Office, classified station, or classified branch, the discontinuance date is 60 days after the Headquarters approval date.

**BEFORE CHANGE
POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

Post Office

Name and State: HALSEY, NE

ZIP Code: 69142-9706 Finance no: 303930

Type of discontinuance:

Consolidate () Close (X)

Type of discontinued facility

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch () MAIN_PO

Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Coordinator name: LEANN TVRDY

Telephone: (402) 930-4431

**AFTER CHANGE
POST OFFICE INFORMATION**

Administrative

Post Office: THEDFORD

ZIP Code: 69166-9713 Finance no: 308940

Original name retained? Yes (X) No ()

New last line of customer address is:

HALSEY NE, 69142

Type of replacement service

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch ()

Contract Unit () Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Date:

(Location) District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Mailing instructions for independent Post Office discontinuance. When the final determination is removed, send the round-dated front cover showing the posting dates and three copies of this *Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement* form to:

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6806
WASHINGTON DC 20260-6806

The announcement cannot be made in the Postal Bulletin unless this form is submitted to the above address. Do not send directly to Address Management, Postal Service Headquarters.

Mailing instructions for CPO/classified station/classified branch discontinuance. Immediately submit three copies of this announcement form to the above address. For nonsuspended offices, enclose a copy of the letter sent to customers notifying them of the discontinuance.

For more information, call (202) 268-5083.

Headquarters entry: () RR () KR

*Final determination posting is not required for CPO, classified station, or classified branch discontinuance.
Final determination for an independent Post Office must be posted for at least 30 days.



12/16/2011

DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE, 68119-9500

ATTENTION: Post Office Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Announcement of Appeal to the Discontinuance of the
HALSEY, 69142-9706 Docket No. 1366007 - 69142

This is to advise you that an appeal to the final determination to discontinue the HALSEY has been filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission. The Headquarters managing counsel, legal policy and ratemaking office, will provide you with copies of all pleadings, notices, orders, briefs, and opinions filed in the appeal proceeding.

In accordance with the Postal Operations Manual, please ensure that a copy of these documents, as well as the final determination, are prominently displayed and made available for inspection by the public at the affected Post Offices until the Commission has issued its final order and opinion. The Postal Regulatory commission has up to 120 days (four months) to consider the appeal and issue its decision.

No final action may be taken until the final decision has been made and you have received written notification of that decision along with appropriate instructions.

This memorandum must be filed in the official record.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Romero at (916) 373-8315.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kevin Romero
Manager Field Performance West

cc:
Vice President, Area Operations WESTERN Area
Government Relations and Public Policy